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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT : Status of Suits being made by [REDACTED]

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1. PROBLEM: (Presented by [REDACTED] 26 June regarding possible shutdown of Clark Company, makers of pilot suits). According to information reaching [REDACTED] through [REDACTED] the Clark Company would shut down for two weeks beginning 1 July for summer leave. If such were the case, Detachment C pilots would fail to get suits in time to have Wright chamber tests and arrive at [REDACTED] as per schedule worked out with [REDACTED]

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2. ACTION TAKEN: On 27 June, following a discussion with [REDACTED] to discuss this problem. Since [REDACTED] secretary is no longer available, Col. Roadman is acting as back-up for this project. [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] on the phone while I was there and we discussed the problem with him. [REDACTED] stated that they will not close down the part of their factory which makes our suits. Also they will have [REDACTED] from their company come to Washington at our request to have the pilots measured. Last week four pilots were measured here in Washington, next week [REDACTED] will be down to measure four, and the following week he will measure four more. This will cover the 12 pilots we have contemplated for Detachment C. There may be one or two additional pilots for C as a result of our procurement program but they too can be handled.

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I informed [REDACTED] that we must have the first four Detachment C pilot suits no later than 23 July in order that these four can get through pressure chamber test at Wright and get to [REDACTED] on the shuttle the morning of 6 August. The next four suits will be required the week of 30 July, and the third group the week of 6 August. [REDACTED] promised me they would meet their commitment dates and we should have no worries.

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3. FOLLOW UP: I propose that [REDACTED] follow through closely on this.

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[REDACTED]
Deputy Project Director

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- 2 - Pers (WJC)
- 3 - Med
- ✓ 4 - Admin
- 5 - JAG
- 6 - Chron.

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